International Human Rights Day Documentary Festival



COUNTERING HOMOPHOBIA & TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS

Join us for the Festival opening at 19:00 hrs at the Home 4 Cooperation

All films playing simultaneously at:

The Home 4 Cooperation
The Cyprus Community Media Center
The Cyprus Fulbright Commission

TUESDAY DECEMBER 10, 2013 19:00 HRS

Drinks and snacks offered during break between the films All venues are located around Ledra Palace (Buffer Zone)





Home 4 Cooperation - 19:00 hrs



Film 1 Duration: 36 min

Film 2 Duration: 87 min



Dreams Die Hard

This documentary follows several victims trapped in slavery in the United States. Maria was enslaved as a domestic servant and a victim of sexual exploitation in southern California. "Miguel" was enslaved in Florida, where his captor used violence to force him and many others to harvest tomatoes. Christy and Rose were enslaved in Maryland, where they worked as domestic servants after being taken from their native Cameroon.

Call me Kuchu

Call me Kuchu portrays the last year in the life of courageous and determined activist Kato, whose wisdom and important work were only fully recognized after his death. A bill making homosexuality a capital offence makes life virtually impossible for LGBT people in Uganda. The film is a subtle portrait of how David and the colorful, proud Kuchus from Kampala attempt to change their destiny and achieve a better existence for homosexuals throughout Africa.

Cyprus Community Media Center - 19:00 hrs



Film 1 Duration: 23 min

Film 2 Duration: 76 min



Solar Mama

We follow the story of Maria, a girl from Moldova who was trafficked to Russia. Lured by the promise of money that never came, she was tricked into being a slave and forced to labour as an agricultural worker under horrific conditions. Appr. 80 percent of transnational victims are women and girls. Most often they are exploited by traffickers into commercial sexual exploitation or slave labour. If they do manage to escape and make their way home, life for them is often far from easy.

Rafea lives in an encampment on the border between Jordan and Iraq. She doesn't think twice about an offer to go to India to become a solar engineer from the Jordanian Ministry of Environment, immediately understanding that this is a unique opportunity to give her children a better future and to provide the whole village with solar power. Nevertheless, her family - and her husband in particular - is not as open to change as the clever, curious Rafea.

Cyprus Fulbright Commission - 19:00 hrs



Film 1 Duration: 23 min

Film 2 Duration: 82 min



The Queen & the Carpet Girl

Accross Morocco, thousands of children are forced into virtually slave labor every year, working long hours for little pay in often dangerous conditions. When Khadija was just 5 years old, she worked long days in a carpet factory, but was rescued by UNICEF workers and now enjoys an education that will transform her life.

Tall as the Baobab Tree

All of the actors in this compelling story about being married off are inhabitants of the same village in the countryside of Senegal. This subtle, skillfully filmed portrait of a strong young woman caught between tradition and progress is offset by kora music, grazing cows, washing women and transport by horse and cart.